

REMARKS

Claims 38-44, 53, and 54 are pending in this application. Claims 34, 36, and 37 are hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-33, 35, and 45-52 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Office Action required an election of a single species chosen from three species defined by the Office: species 1 as shown in FIG. 8 and associated by the Office with claim 34; species 2 as shown in FIG. 11 and associated by the Office with claims 36 and 37; and species 3 as shown in FIG. 12 and associated by the Office with claims 38-44, 53, and 54.

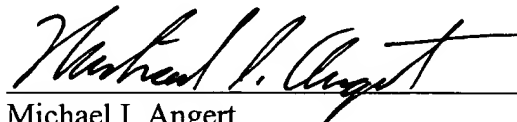
Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, species 3 as shown in FIG. 12 and associated by the Office with claims 38-44, 53, and 54.

In order to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants have decided to cancel unelected claims 34, 36, and 37 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a divisional application. No surrender of subject matter is intended by this amendment.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge all required fees, including all required claim fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and/or all required extension of time fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 11-0600.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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